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Rev. S. C. Masters.....	1839	Anvil Block, Ga.
Rev. Jno. Thurman.....	1840	Bowdon, Ga.
Rev. G. W. Morris.....	1858	Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. 'J. O. A. Radford	1861	Jersey, Ga.
Rev. T. J. Biggers.....	1861	Draketown, Ga.
Rev. F. H. M. Henderson	1862	Bowdon, Ga.
Rev. R. S. McGarity.....	1868	Jefferson, Ga.
Rev. J. M. Lankford.....	1871	Bloodworth, Ga.
Rev. J. A. McGarity.....	1872	Jersey, Ga.
Rev. W. J. Causey.....	1872	Victory, Ga.
Rev. J. M. McAlman.....	1874	Carrollton, Ga.
Rev. E. C. Jordan.....	1877	Heywood, Ga.
Rev. W. B. Costley.....	1879	Stockbridge, Ga.
Rev. A. Maulden.....	1883	Bowdon, Ga.
Rev. S. M. Garrett.....	1884	Draketown, Ga.
Rev. T. J. Johnson.....	1884	Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. G. W. Edwards.....	1886	Newton Factory, Ga.
Rev. E. J. Beadles.....	1887	Jersey, Ga.
Rev. N. W. Wortham.....	1889	High Shoals, Ga.
Rev. W. E. Smith.....	1889	Flo, Ga.
Rev. J. C. Patrick.....	1890	Jefferson, Ga.
Rev. J. W. Phillips.....	1890	Springvale, Ga.
Rev. J. McD. Radford.....	1891	
Rev. W. N. Kinsey	1891	Covington, Ga.
Rev. W. P. Bryant.....	1892	Newnan, Ga.

MINUTES.

The Sixty-fourth session of the Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, convened at Brown's Chapel, Jersey, Walton County, Ga., on Friday, Nov. 17th, 1893, at 9:15 o'clock, a.m.

The Conference was opened with religious exercises by the President, Rev. J. O. A. Radford. Scripture lessons: 103d and 133d Psalms. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Causey.

The Roll of Ministers was called; present at opening of Conference: G. W. Morris, J. O. A. Radford, F. H. M. Henderson, W. J. Causey, S. M. Garrett, Jas. McD. Radford.

The credentials of Bro. Geo. D. Carter, layman, were read in open Conference and on motion approved. The President then appointed the following committee on Lay Credentials.

Committee: { REV. W. J. CAUSEY, Chairman.
REV. G. W. MORRIS,
GEO. D. CARTER.

The committee reported the following Lay Delegates present and entitled to sit as members of this session:

Bowdon Circuit—G. A. McDaniel, T. J. Gamble.

Cedar Grove Station—H. D. Moore.

DeKalb Circuit—G. W. Bradbury, B. M. Sprayberry,
Geo. D. Carter.

Gordon Circuit—

Henry Circuit—W. F. Manley; alt.,

Jackson Circuit—J. C. Haynie.

Owl Rock Station—J. L. Campbell.

Randolph Circuit—

Rome and Chattooga Missions—

Talapoosa Circuit—W. C. McBrayer.

Waco Circuit—

Walton Circuit—W. A. Rogers, E. A. Adcock, A. M. Cox, Geo. R. Brown.

Wilkerson Circuit—

On motion, the above report was read and adopted.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling Roll of Ministers.
2. Enrollment of Members.
3. Reading of Minutes.
4. Call of Stations and Circuits for Special Papers.
5. Appeals.
6. Incidental Business.

Letters from Rev. W. N. Kinsey, and Rev. E. C. Jordan were read and referred to the Stationing Committee.

On motion, Bro. S. H. Wallis, alternate from Owl Rock Station, was made an honorary member of this Conference.

The President appointed the following committee on Pulpit Services: Committee—Rev. G. W. Morris, Chairman; G. A. McDaniel, J. C. Haynie.

Morning session adjourned on time. 11 a. m.: Conference sermon by Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, D. D. Scripture lesson: 1st Cor., 13th Chap. Text: 1 Cor. 16th Chap., 14th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to the examination of ministerial character. The roll was called and the names of each minister duly passed upon and approved.

The death of Rev. Geo. Harlan was announced and the Committee on Pulpit Services was instructed to set apart an hour during this session for appropriate memorial services.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to the election

of officers. Result: Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, D. D., President; Rev. J. McD. Radford, Secretary.

On motion, a committee was appointed to nominate the Stationing and the Boundary Committees. Committee to nominate: Rev. W. B. Costley, Chairman; T. J. Gamble, S. M. Garrett.

Rev. F. H. M. Henderson offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to revise our By-Laws, and report upon the same to this Conference and that these By-Laws as revised, be published in the Minutes. The resolution was adopted.

The President appointed the following committee on revision: Rev. J. McD. Radford, Chairman; Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, G. A. McDaniel.

The following Conference hours were adopted:

Morning Session, open at 8:30; close 11.

Afternoon Session, open at 1; close 4.

The committee to nominate the Stationing and the Boundary Committees, reported and the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Conference as follows:

Stationing Committee—Rev. W. J. Causey, Chairman; Rev. T. J. Biggers, G. A. McDaniel, Geo. D. Carter, H. D. Moore.

Boundary Committee—Rev. G. W. Morris, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Costley, Rev. J. A. McGarity, B. M. Sprayberry, T. J. Gamble.

Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, President-elect, was now introduced by the retiring President and briefly and pleasantly addressed the Conference.

Jas. T. Robertson (*col.*), Fraternal Messenger from the Colored Conference of this State, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the growth and prospects of their own Conference; requesting that Fraternal Messengers be sent from our Conference to the next session of their own Conference, to convene at Friendly

Hill, on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1894.

Rev. T. E. Coulborne, agent of the Board of Foreign Missions, was made an honorary member of this body.

Evening session adjourned.

7 p. m.: Sermon by Rev. W. J. Causey.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Rev. T. J. Biggers.

The roll was called and the Conference proceeded with the regular order of business. The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

The President announced the following committees:

On Journals—Rev. S. M. Garrett, Chairman; Rev. T. J. Johnson, G. W. Bradbury, W. F. Manley, E. A. Adcock.

On Temperance—Rev. E. J. Beadles, Chairman; Jno. L. Campbell, Rev. J. O. A. Radford, W. A. Rogers, W. C. McBrayer.

On General Interests—Rev. R. S. McGarity, Chairman; T. J. Gamble, Rev. J. C. Patrick, Rev. T. J. Biggers, J. C. Haynie.

On Statistics—J. McD. Radford.

On motion, Bros. J. W. D. Ragan, Powell Blasingame, A. D. Pace, and Coleman White were made honorary members of this Conference.

Under the call for Special Papers, the following were read and referred to the several committees: A paper from Rev. W. T. Griffin, of the Bible Christian Church, referred to Committee on Pulpit Services. A paper from the Henry Circuit, to the Stationing Committee, A paper from Rev. E. M. Lockwood, to the Stationing Committee. A paper from Randolph Circuit, to the Stationing Committee. A paper from Rev. J. M. Lankford, pastor of Wilkerson Circuit, to the Stationing

and Statistical Committees. A paper from Rev. W. E. Smith, to Stationing and Statistical Committees.

The President appointed Rev. W. B. Costley, to respond to the Fraternal Messenger from the Colored Conference.

On motion, the Stationing and the Boundary Committees were authorized to meet in joint session.

On motion, the Roll of Ministers was called in order to ascertain the relation they desired to hold to the Annual Conference.

On motion, Rev. T. E. Coulborne was granted ten minutes in which to address the Conference.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the Conference for the following standing District Committee: Rev. J. O. A. Radford, Chairman; Rev. W. J. Causey, Rev. J. W. Black, local elder; G. R. Brown, H. D. Moore. Conference Steward—Rev. J. A. McGarity.

All ministers were requested to pay to Rev. T. E. Coulborne the following funds: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education.

On motion, the following place and time of holding the next Annual Session of this Conference was adopted: Mt. Zion, Henry County, Ga., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1894, at 10 a. m.

Morning Session adjourned.

11 a. m.: Sermon by Rev. W. B. Costley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President at 1 p. m.

On motion, the Stationing and the Boundary Committees were each excused for one hour. The Conference took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

2:30 p. m.: The Boundary Committee submitted its report.

Report received, read and adopted. Report No.1.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. J. C. Berrien, agent for the Board of Ministerial Education.

His communication was referred to the Committee on General Interests.

The reports of the following Committees were received, read and adopted. On Temperance, No. 2; on Journals, No. 3; on General Interests, No. 4; on Statistics, No. 5. The report of the Stationing Committee was read.

Afternoon session adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

7 p. m.: Memorial services for Rev. Geo. Harlan, Rev. Jno. Morris and Rev. T. L. Lallarested; conducted by Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Rev. R. S. McGarity, and Rev. W. B. Costley. In this service appropriate mention was made of the death of Bros. T. M. Abercombie and Levi Simpson.

SABBATH SERVICES.

11 a. m.: Sermon by Rev. T. E. Coulborne. Scripture lesson: 72nd Psalm. Text: II Kings, 7th Chap., 9th Verse. Collection for Foreign Missions, \$20.65.

2 p. m.: Young People's Meeting in the interests of the Y. P. S. C. E.

7 p. m.: Sermon by Rev. R. S. McGarity, followed by the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. S. M. Garrett, and took up the regular order of business.

The Board of Church Extension submitted its report. The report was received, read and adopted. (No. 7.)

On motion, the Conference elected the following Board of Church Extension: Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, G. B. Branam, J. A. McGarity, R. S. McGarity, W. G. McDaniel.

Rev. W. J. Causey, moved to reconsider item 11 of

the Boundary Committee's report. The motion was carried.

On motion, the item was amended as follows: Walton Circuit, New Hope, Mt. Carmel, Union Chapel, and Alcova; Brown's Chapel, a station; Newton Missions, Austin's Chapel and Newton Factory.

The Committee to respond to the Fraternal Messenger from the Georgia Conference, colored, submitted its report. Report received, read, and adopted. (No. 8.)

The President appointed the following Fraternal Messengers to the next session of said Conference. Rev. W. B. Costley, G. B. Branan, Rev. F. H. M. Henderson.

On motion, the report of the Stationing Committee was amended, read and adopted. (No. 6.)

On motion leave of absence was granted to Rev. W. J. Causey, G. A. McDaniel, Rev. S. M. Garrett, Rev. T. J. Biggers, and W. C. McBrayer.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws and Rules of Order was received, read and adopted. (Report No. 9.)

On motion, the Secretary was made the publishing committee and paid \$10.00 for his services.

The report of the Conference Steward was received and adopted. (No. 10.)

The President appointed J. McD. Radford to preach the Conference Sermon at its next session, and gave notice that he would appoint later the ministers to attend the camp-meeting at Waco.

A motion to reconsider the action of Saturday, fixing the date of the next sitting of this Conference, was carried.

By subsequent motion, the time was changed to Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1894. Place: Mt. Zion, Henry County, Ga.

On motion, the President was instructed to write to

Rev. E. M. Lockwood, notifying him that no transfer had been received, and consequently, no action taken.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

REV. F. H. M. HENDERSON, President.

REV. J. McD. RADFORD, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

BOUNDARY COMMITTEE. No. 1.

1. Bowdon Circuit.—Antioch, Smith's Chapel, Harmony, Bowdon.
2. Waco Circuit.—Union, Waco, Beech Creek, New Hope.
3. Cedar Grove Station.
4. Owl Rock Station.
5. Atlanta Mission.
6. Gordon Circuit.—Shiloh, Cove City, Fowler's Chapel.
7. DeKalb Circuit.—Stockbridge, Mt. Zion, Clifton, New Hope, Hopewell.
8. Randolph Circuit.—Sharon, Pleasant Hill, Trinity.
9. Rome and Chattooga Mission.—Bray's Chapel, Heywood.
10. Talapoosa Circuit.—Pleasant Grove, Mt. Carmel, Mandeville.
11. Walton Circuit.—Mt. Carmel, Union Chapel, Alcova, Brown's Chapel, Austin's Chapel, Newton Factory, New Hope.
Amended as follows: Walton Circuit, Mt. Carmel, Union Chapel, New Hope and Alcova.
12. Brown's Chapel, Station.
13. Newton Mission.—Austin's Chapel, Newton Factory.
14. Cave Spring Mission.—Montgomery, Cave Spring.

15. Henry Circuit.—Mt. Carmel, Pomona, Sharon Grove.

16. Newnan Circuit.—Pleasant Grove, Mt. Zion, Friendship, Rock Spring.

17. Wilkerson Circuit.—Laurel Branch, Beaver Creek.

18. Jackson Circuit.—Pentecost, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Grove, Nazareth.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE. No. 2.

The M. P. Church having so long occupied high ground upon the subject of temperance, we think that advice or warning to its members against the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage would be superfluous.

Therefore, we can only recommend that our members use all their influence to suppress its use and sale throughout the country.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we unite our efforts, influence and prayers with all Christian bodies, and all lovers of peace and order in society, for the suppression of this evil.

JNO. L. CAMPBELL, Chairman Pro tem.

ON JOURNALS. No. 3.

Having examined the Journal of the last Annual Conference, we find it neatly and correctly kept, and reflecting credit on our worthy Secretary.

S. M. GARRETT, Chairman.

ON GENERAL INTERESTS. No. 4.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The growth of the missions of our church in the empire of Japan affords us a subject for sincere thanksgiving to God. A Mission Annual Conference has been

organized consisting of four foreign and two native ministers, and six native preachers. The present membership of our church is 347, including probationers. Two Y. P. S. C. E. have been organized, and nearly five hundred children have been gathered into our Sunday-schools. Two secular schools, a night school at Yokohama and a high-grade college, are in successful operation.

The present value of property under our control in Japan is estimated at \$25,000. But gratifying as this showing is to us as a Conference, we are satisfied that much more ought to be done in the way of enlisting sympathy and securing larger contributions for this important branch of our church work. We therefore, recommend, that a Children's Day service, for the benefit of Foreign Missions be held on every charge in our district; that faithful efforts be made by every pastor to raise the full amount assessed for this work; that the *Missionary Bulletin* be given a place in every home; and that every pastor be required to preach at least one sermon during the year on the subject of Foreign Missions.

HOME MISSIONS.

Equally gratifying is the growth and prospects of the work under the care of our Board of Home Missions.

Churches have been organized in Seattle, Washington; Marion, Indiana; Corsicana, Texas; and other growing cities, and are in a prosperous condition.

There are still, however, many destitute fields in our home land, which should be occupied by our church. But the efforts of the Board are greatly circumscribed by the lack of funds.

We therefore, recommend, that the mite boxes, furnished by Rev. Benj. Stout, Rockford, W. Va., be used, as far as practicable, for raising money for this interest; that every pastor be required to preach a ser-

mon on the subject of Home Missions, during the year; that diligent efforts be made on every circuit to raise the full amount assessed, and that on Easter Day, service be held in our churches, and Sunday-schools for this interest.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The importance of this interest cannot be overestimated

The demands of the present age require the most efficient men obtainable for our pulpits. While education will not supply our preachers with every qualification needed, it cannot be doubted that it will greatly increase their fitness for this great work.

We therefore, earnestly recommend that this interest be faithfully presented and explained by our pastors, and efforts be made at every appointment to raise the amount assessed for its support.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We cordially recommend our official church organs, the *Methodist Protestant*, and the *Methodist Recorder*, and urge that our pastors do their utmost to extend the circulation of these papers, by soliciting subscribers for one or both in every family within the bounds of our District.

Our Sunday-school publications deserve our heartiest endorsement, and we earnestly urge our pastors and superintendents to see that the schools under their care use these and these only.

Respectfully submitted.

R. S. McGARITY, Chairman.

ON STATISTICS. No. 5.

Your Committee on Statistics has carefully compiled all the statistics it could gather from pastors' reports, and by subsequent correspondence, and the same is appended to this minute in tabulated form.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McD. RADFORD, Chairman.

STATIONING COMMITTEE. No. 6.

Bowden Circuit—F. H. M. Henderson, Pastor; Jno. Thurman, associate.

Waco Circuit—W. J. Causey, Pastor.

Cedar Grove Station—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.

Owl Rock Station—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.

Atlanta Mission—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.

Gordon Circuit—W. N. Kinsey, Pastor.

DeKalb Circuit—W. B. Costley, Pastor; S. C. Masters, Associate.

Henry Circuit—J. McD. Radford, Pastor.

Newnan Circuit—J. M. McAlman, Pastor; W. P. Bryant, associate.

Wilkerson Circuit—Supplied by J. M. Lankford.

Jackson Circuit.—To be supplied.

Randolph Circuit—T. J. Johnson, Pastor.

Rome and Chattooga Mission.—E. C. Jordan, Pastor.

Talapoosa Circuit.—A. Maulden, Pastor; T. J. Biggers, S. M. Garrett, associates.

Walton Circuit.—J. A. McGarity, Pastor; J. O. A. Radford, associate.

Cave Spring Mission.—W. E. Smith, Pastor.

Brown's Chapel—J. McD. Radford, Pastor.

Newton Mission—G. W. Edwards, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. CAUSEY, Chairman.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION. No. 7.

The Board met at Jersey, Walton Co., Ga., on November 20th, 1893. F. H. M. Henderson in the chair. The Board report progress with reference to the Atlanta property. A lot has been purchased on the corner of Houston and Randolph streets, fronting 50 feet on Houston, and 153 feet on Randolph, at a cost of \$1,500. No improvements. We have sold the property at Mitchel's Chapel for \$35, but papers have not yet been signed. We recommend that immediate steps be taken to occupy the field in Atlanta. At Crawfordville, a door is already open to us. Bro. J. B. Crawford tenders the use of a comfortable hall, and there are fair prospects for building.

We recommend that a missionary be placed in charge of our work in Atlanta, and that a collection of \$250 be raised by the pastors in the Georgia district to sup-

plement his salary there, and that pastors press this claim upon their congregations. The treasurer's report is given below.

F. H. M. HENDERSON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from W. M. Bray.....\$1,500.00

Cash on hand.....3.70

Total.....\$1,503.70

Paid for lot in Atlanta.....\$1,500.00

Balance on hand.....3.70

Total.....\$1,503.70

R. S. McGARITY, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE TO RESPOND TO FRATERNAL MESSENGERS. No. 8.

We, your committee to respond to the Fraternal Delegate from the Colored Annual Conference of Georgia, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. We are glad to know that the colored brethren are in a prosperous condition as a body of Christians, and that the onward march of the M. P. Church among the colored people is most wonderful at this time, despite the overwhelming influence of other larger denominations.

2d. We thank God that he is no respecter of persons, but that "whosoever will" may come and be saved, upon the terms of the gospel, of any nation or people upon the whole earth. And we are thankful too, that the Lord has wrought in you to do His will and pleasure in the salvation of souls. We bid you Godspeed.

We regret the mistake in the General Conference that made you, instead of the South Georgia, the Mission Conference. It will doubtless be corrected at the next General Conference.

3d. We recommend that the President appoint a committee of three to bear fraternal greetings from our Conference to theirs at its next session.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. COSTLEY, Chairman.

 ON REVISION OF BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

No. 9.

We have carefully revised the By-Laws and Rules of Order, and recommend their publication in the Minutes, and that they be recorded in the Conference Journal.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McD. RADFORD, Chairman.

CONFERENCE STEWARD. No. 10.

Total receipts for Minutes.....	\$33.29
Paid to Publishing Committee.....	\$33.29
Respectfully submitted.	

J. A. McGARITY, Chairman.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. No. 11.

Received from Conference Steward.....	\$33.29
Paid for Stationery.....	\$.25
Paid Secretary's Fee.....	10.00
Paid Publishing 300 copies of Minutes.....	25.00
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	\$35.25.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McD. RADFORD, Publishing Committee.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS, 1893.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.										Churches		Sab. Schools.			COLLECTIONS.							
	Ministers	Preachers	Members	Probationers	Accessions	Withdrawals	Deaths	Expulsions	Total	Net Increase	Net Loss	Value	Number	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Church Papers	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Education	Church Extension	Conf. Collection	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Atlanta Mission	3	2	258	32	3	1	286	28				2,600	6	5	20	228	11	210 00	1 00		1 29	5 17	4 51
Bowden Circuit.....																							
Cave Spring Mission.....																							
Cedar Grove	1		109	14	1	1	121	12				1,000	1	4	60	8	222 50				2 00	10 00	10 00
DeKalb Circuit	2	2	702	40	3		739	37				2,500	5	25	140	24	385 00				2 00	1 25	1 75
Gordon Circuit.....	1	1	66				66												1 00		1 00	1 00	2 00
Henry Circuit.....	1	1	195	13	2	4	202	7				1,800	1	5	36	5	199 75	1 76			1 35	5 76	8 57
Jackson Circuit.....	2	1	305	75	1		379	74				1,800	4	19	205	4	223 00	3 00			1 50	13 38	13 38
Newnan Circuit.....	2	1	90	13			103	13				1,000	1	4	60	7	87 00				2 00	6 00	6 00
Owl Rock	1	1	115	1			116	1				1,500	3	10	100	4	200 00				1 50		
Randolph Circuit.....	1	1	147	19	2	1	163	16															
Rome & Chat'ga Miss.	2	1	45	4	40	12	1	7	27			300	1	2	40	1	25 00				1 05	80	75
Talapoosa Circuit.....	2	2	170	16	3		183	13															
Waco Circuit	8	2	436	6	18	6	444	8				3,750	6	25	220	13	329 95				9 80	20 34	19 03
Walton Circuit	1		180	4	1		183	3				1,100	2								1 50		
Wilkinson Circuit.....																					8 30		
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BY-LAWS, GEORGIA DISTRICT.

I. No layman shall sit as a member of the Annual Conference until regularly enrolled or until he has given satisfactory evidence of his election. Where alternates are elected, the certificates of the Quarterly Conference shall so express it.

II. The lay delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations in the following manner:

1. It shall be the duty of the pastor to notify the churches, at his first appointment after the second Quarterly Conference, that at his next appointment, the election of delegates to the Annual Conference will take place in each church.

2. The pastor and class-leader shall superintend the election, but in case of the absence of one or both, the church shall appoint some person or persons to superintend the election in each church, by receiving the tickets of all the voters, who shall then count, seal, and transmit a full list of all the names of the voters, and the number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the church, to the next Quarterly Conference. There the returns shall be opened in Conference, counted by the chairman and Secretary, assisted by two laymen. The person or persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected and furnished with certificates accordingly.

In case of a tie, the members of the Quarterly Conference shall decide the election by a majority of votes.

3. Eligibility to vote in the several charges shall be as follows:

For trustees—only members 21 years of age. For all other offices—all members.

4. Eligibility to hold office: Trustees—men, 21 years of age, and women sole femme. Delegates to Annual Conference—men 21 years of age. Church stewards—all members 16 years old. Class-leaders—all members 21 years old. Sabbath-school superintendents—all members 16 years old.

5. The pastor shall forward to the secretary of the Annual Conference the certificates of election of the lay delegates from his charge, and the Secretary shall from these certificates make up the roll of lay members

III. The Conference shall never appoint any man to

itinerate unless he expresses either verbally or by letter his willingness to labor in that capacity.

IV. It shall be the duty of pastors and preachers to study and to urge upon all our members the necessity of studying our Discipline, and reading the official organs of our church.

V. The Conference will not receive into membership or elect to elders' orders any preacher or minister who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our church, as set forth in our articles of religion. Nor shall any one be elected to elders' orders who has not strictly complied with all the requirements of the Discipline.

VI. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of Conference.

VII. The second article of the Constitution and the last clause of the first section of the detail Discipline, shall be understood to apply to seekers of religion only, and each church may admit to full membership persons applying on their profession of faith in Christ, and a knowledge of their sins forgiven.

VIII. The President shall have no power during the recess of the Conference to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station, without consulting said station or circuit or its authorities.

IX. It shall require a majority of all votes of all the members present to constitute an election in the Annual Conference.

X. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish to each minister in the district, three months previous to the assembling of the Annual Conference, the following blanks:

Report of Rev....., Pastor,
Circuit or Station, Ga, Dist.,
 for the year ending18...

STATISTICAL.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Value of Churches.	Members.	Probationers.	Accessions.	Withdrawals.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Total.	Sab. Schools. Teachers.	Scholars.	Miss. Societies.	Members.	Y. P. S. C. E.	Members.
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FINANCIAL.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Church Extension.	Conference Collection.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Children's Day.
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The pastors are required to answer the following questions as a part of their report to the Annual Conference:

1. Have you filled all your appointments?
2. Have you presented faithfully to each of your congregations the following general interests:

Foreign Missions?.....Home Missions?.....
 Ministerial Education?.....Church Extension?.....
 Conference Collection?.....

3. Have you administered the ordinances as prescribed in the Discipline?.....

4. Have your church registers been thoroughly examined and revised?.....

5. Have you examined the titles to all church property on your circuit or station?.....

6. Have you faithfully endeavored to circulate our Discipline and official church organs?.....

7. Have you been engaged in any secular business?.....

XI. Each minister shall fill the above blanks and statistics and present the same, as his report, to the Committee on Official Character.

XII. At the assembling of the Annual Conference, the President shall appoint a committee of five, styled the Committee on Official Character, to whom shall be submitted that part of the pastor's report consisting of inquiries concerning discharge of pastoral duties. And this committee shall as soon as possible render its report to the Conference.

XIII. In case of the death of any of our ministers, it shall be the duty of the Committee on Pulpit Services at the succeeding Annual Conference to appoint an hour during that session for memorial services.

XIV. It shall be the duty of the Board of Stewards when elected as prescribed in the Discipline, to immediately organize by electing chairman, secretary and treasurer; to solicit, receive and expend all funds coming regularly into their hands and to keep a full, complete and accurate register of all their proceedings, receipts, and expenditures.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. Conference shall be opened by the President, or, in his absence, by the Secretary.

II. The roll shall be called and when a quorum is present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read and any member may call for a reconsideration of any portion of the Minutes, provided he shall have voted for the action he wishes to reconsider.

III. When any member wishes to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the chair.

IV. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to the floor.

V. All questions shall be submitted by the President, in this form: All who are in favor of the motion say aye; those of the contrary opinion, nay. Every member of the Conference shall vote on all questions of business relating to the Conference unless excused.

VI. No member shall speak more than once on any question, until all who wish shall have spoken, and not longer than fifteen minutes at any time, except by the consent of the Conference.

VII. Any motion, when seconded and stated by the President or read by the Secretary, shall be open for debate, before a vote be taken; and when any question is under debate, no motion except one to amend, commit, or adjourn shall be in order; provided, a standing committee shall be in order to report at any time.

VIII. The last motion, most distant time, and largest sum, shall be first in order.

IX. Should any member appeal from the chair on a rule of order, the question shall be submitted to the Conference.

X. No member shall withdraw during the business hours without leave from the President.

XI. The President shall at all times preserve good order.

XII. The proceedings of the Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary and signed by the President and Secretary.

XIII. The Secretary shall keep all books, journals, records, and proceedings of the Conference and carry or transmit the same to the next session of the Annual Conference.

XIV. The President shall previous to the adjournment of each annual session, appoint some one of the ministers to preach the Conference Sermon at the succeeding session.